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MAR 21 2002 **JCA** INK CONTAINER CONFIGURED TO ESTABLISH RELIABLE FLUIDIC CONNECTION TO A RECEIVING STATION

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

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This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The present invention relates to ink containers for providing ink to inkjet printers. Inkjet printers frequently make use of an inkjet printhead mounted on a carriage that is moved back and forth across print media, such as paper. As the printhead is moved across the print media, a control system activates the printhead to deposit or eject ink droplets onto the print media to form images and text. Ink is provided to the printhead by a supply of ink that is either carried by the carriage or mounted to the printing system so as not to move with the carriage.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In an illustrative embodiment, the replaceable ink container 12, the receiving station 14, and the ink jet printhead 16 are each part of a scanning print carriage 20 that is moved relative to a print media 22 to accomplish printing. Alternatively, the ink jet printhead 16 is fixed and the print media is moved past the printhead 16 to accomplish printing. The printer portion 18 includes a media tray 24 for receiving print media 22. As print media 22 is stepped through the print zone, the scanning carriage moves the printhead 16 relative to the